

In the Drawings

Figures 1, 3, and 4 have been amended to correct minor informalities. Specifically, Figure 1, has been amended to include the reference "M," and Figures 3 and 4 were amended to replace "Zeollite-Nax" with "Zeolite Nax." For the Examiner's convenience, a "Marked-Up" version of these drawing sheets is also attached, showing the changes that were made in red ink. Upon indication of notice of allowance, Applicant will submit replacement formal drawings for Figures 1, 3 and 4.

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1, 2, and 4-8 have been amended. Claims 9 and 10 are newly presented. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Drawings and Specification

The Drawings were objected to as containing minor typographical errors. As indicated by the attached "marked-up" version of drawings, Applicants have amended Figures 1, 3, and 4 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection is moot. Upon indication of a notice of allowance, Applicant will submit replacement formal drawings for these figures.

The Specification was objected to because it referred to Figure 2 and not Figures 2a and 2b as shown in the drawings. Applicants have amended the specification to correct this inconsistency. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that this objection is moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action indicated that there were several formality errors in the claims. Applicants have amended the claims to correct these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully requested reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

New Claims and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1-8 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable is amended to overcome the § 112 rejection discussed above.

Additionally, claims 9 and 10 are newly presented, fully supported by the originally filed specification and believed allowable over the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10 are in condition for allowance.


Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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